

The Brown Mountain Light Mystery, Labor Topic.

The recent article in The Topic from the gifted pen of Mr. W. W. Scott, of Washington, D. C. concerning the mysterious Brown Mountain light created wide interest. Dr. C. L. Wilson, of Lenoir was one of a party who joined Mr. H. C. Martin's committee of investigation to determine the cause of the mystery. Last Wednesday, Dec. 8th, Dr. Wilson went to Loven's Hotel on Jonas Ridge and about sunset began making observations. His description of the light follows:

"The light has no resemblance to the reflection from a headlight but has characteristics all its own. It resembles the morning star or a discharge from a sky-rocket; it also reminds one of a person, at some distance, carrying a lighted lantern and moves around with about the speed of a balloon. I do not regard this as a weird light, yet I noticed I did not sleep quite so well after viewing it as I do at home.

"So far as the landscape is concerned, it is possible to see a light from Connelly Springs to Brown Mountain and Loven's Hotel, for Connelly Springs and Rutherford College can be seen from these points, yet I did not see the light Mr. H. C. Martin lighted for me at Connelly Springs on the night of the eighth (this was Mr. Martin's plan to either confirm or eliminate the headlight theory). To show how much I disbelieve the headlight theory will say if Hildebran Mountain, near Connelly Springs, were a volcano emitting flames a mile high and illuminating the entire surroundings south of Brown Mountain, yet our modest little light would go on playing its pranks as it does now. My investigation thus far leads me to the belief that we are not dealing with a single light, but lights—say a bumper crop of Jack-o-lanterns. I will see these lights or light no more till the roses bloom again, but when summer comes I will pitch my tent on top of Brown Mountain about four miles from Joy postoffice. Who will go with me? I should not like to go alone, for there is a knob in that vicinity called "rat-tlesnake Knob;" Listen! Bears! Mysterious light! Rattlesnakes! How does this trio sound? But we must go in the interest of science; you know."

Strong and well as Ever.

Fred Smith Green Bay, Wis. says: Foley Kidney Pills completely relieved me of all soreness and pain in the back and am now strong and well as ever. Cold weather makes aching joints sore muscles and irregular bladder action more unbearable. Foley Kidney Pills help the kidneys eliminate pain causing poisons. M. B. Blackburn

The exhibits in the toy windows seem to indicate that little lead soldiers are as popular as ever—and there are no signs of substituting Fordships for Noah's arks.—Evening Wisconsin.

Help Your Liver—It Pays.

When your liver gets torpid and your stomach acts queer, take Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will find yourself feeling better. They purify the blood, give you freedom from constipation, biliousness, dizziness and indigestion. You feel fine—just like you want to feel. Clear the complexion, too. 25c at druggists.

The real beggar is indeed the true and only king—Lensing.

Worked in the Hay Field.

Arthur Jones Allen Kans. writes: "I have been troubled with bladder and kidney troubles for a good many years. If it were not for Foley Kidney Pills I would never be able to work in the hay field." Men and women past middle age find these pills a remedy for weak, overworked or diseased kidneys. M. B. Blackburn

Booker Washington's Service to His Race

Booker T. Washington who lived the other day was the wisest and shrewdest leader his race has ever had (it being natural to believe, however, that his ability came from his white father rather than his negro mother) and his greatest service to the negro was in making them realize the dignity of labor. Twenty years ago in his famous speech at the Atlanta Exposition, Washington summed up his philosophy in two characteristic sentences:

"Our greatest danger is that we may overlook the fact that the masses of us are to live by the production of our hands and fail to keep in mind that we shall prosper in common labor and put brains and skill into the common occupations of life. No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem."

When the writer visited Tuskegee Institute several years ago he found the place adorned with mottoes embodying the same idea—"Nothing is Drudgery that we do Willingly," and similar thoughts everywhere to praise work; encourage work, dignify work, ennoble work.—Progressive Farmer.

A hotel keeper in Torreon who charged \$6,500 for a dinner has been sent out of the country by Carranza. That sounds like a square meal at a national convention city.—Los Angeles Times.

Land Entry, No. 2534.

state of North Carolina, Watauga County, Office of Entry-Taker for said county.

Willie W. Miller locates and enters 400 acres of land in Watauga county, in Beaver Dam township, on the waters of Beaver Dam creek. Beginning on said Willie W. Miller's corner of the Rufus Shearer tract in the State line; running a south-east course with State line and various courses so as to include all the vacant land adjoining the said Shearer tract and the Tennessee line and others for complement. Entered Dec. 10, 1915.

H. J. HARDIN, E. T.

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We offer one hundred dollars as a reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO. Toledo, O.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed to Levy Morpheu by E. N. Miller on the 15th day of Nov. 1905, to secure the payment of the sum of \$63.35, and interest on the same, no part of said note having been paid, we will on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1916, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Boone, N. C., between the hours of 10, a. m., and 4, p. m., the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Watauga, State of North Carolina, in Meat Camp township and described and defined as follows: Beginning on a cucumber, Cale Winebarger's corner, running S. 10° W 60 poles to a maple; then E 38 poles to a maple on the top of the ridge; then N with Main's line 70 poles to the public road; then a west course with said road about 40 poles to a chestnut; then W about 8 poles to a white oak; then N some degrees east about 30 poles to a poplar; then same course about 20 poles to a poplar; then a west course about 30 poles to a white oak, then same course about 10 poles to Frank Miller's line; then south with his line 10 poles to a beach, his corner; then southward 65 poles with his line to an oak in Cale Winebarger's line; then E 40 poles to the beginning, containing 25 acres more or less. Said sale will be made to satisfy said debt, interest and cost of sale, and deed in fee simple will be executed to the purchaser. This Dec. 2, 1915.

C. A. GRUBB.

J. M. MORPHEW, Executors of the estate of Levy Morpheu, deceased.

Simple duty hath no place for fear.—Whittier.

No one can be more wise than destiny.—Tennyson.

Timely Hint on Over-Eating. Big dinners cause disturbed digestions. The stomach and bowels should not be clogged with undigested poisonous waste matter. Foley Cathartic Tablets relieve distress after eating, stop belching, banish bloating and gas on stomach regulate the bowels, sweeten the stomach and tone up the liver. M. B. Blackburn

Knowledge advances by steps, and not by leaps—Macaulay.

Observe the Warning.

A cold that promises to hang on all winter is to be dreaded. Prompt action should be taken at the first warning of a cold—sneezing, chilliness, slight shivering, Foley Honey and Tar makes quick work of coughs, colds and croup. It clears air passages stops coughing eases difficult breathing. M. B. Blackburn

The highest price we can pay for anything is to ask it.—Landon.

Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire. It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop the fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

A man that weighs 150 pounds contains enough grease to make 75 candles and a pound of soap, declares a scientist. We are letting a lot of raw material go to waste that is good for nothing else.—Albany Argus.

A Unique Record

Very Few Like It in Our Broad Republic.

Grateful testimony for Doan's Kidney Pills, published everywhere is of itself convincing evidence of merit. Confirmed testimony forms still stronger evidence. Years ago, a citizen of this locality gratefully acknowledged the benefit derived from Doan's Kidney Pills. The statement is now confirmed—the proof more convincing. Case of this kind are plentiful in the word of Doan's Kidney Pills—the record is unique. H. W. Mingo, retired farmer, 801 Twelfth street, Hickory, N. C., says: "I had a severe pain in the small of my back and if I stooped I could hardly straighten up again. In the morning I was lame and sore. Doan's Kidney Pills were just what I needed and after I had taken two boxes I was entirely cured." State went given February 18, 1911. Over three years later Mr. Mingo said: "I have not needed a kidney medicine of any kind since I took your pills. I have been lame Doan's Kidney Pills have helped me." Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Mingo had. Foster-Milburn Co., Proprietors, Buffalo, N. Y.

Farms For Sale.

I have several cheap farms for sale near Star, N. C. Good land, Agricultural School, good roads and good railroad facilities.

W. S. Brownley,

Star, N. C.

Old Folks Saved

From Suffering

Mrs. Mary A. Dean, Taunton, Mass., in her 87th year, says: "I thought I was beyond the reach of medicine, but Foley Kidney Pills have proven most beneficial in my case." Mr. Sam A. Hoover, High Point, N. C., writes: "My kidney trouble was worse at night and I had to get up from five to seven times. Now I do not have to get up at night, and consider myself in a truly normal condition, which I attribute to Foley Kidney Pills, as I have taken nothing else." Mrs. M. A. Bridges, Robinson, Mass., says: "I suffered from kidney ailments for two years. I commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills ten months ago, and though I am 61 years of age, I feel like a 16-year-old girl." Foley Kidney Pills are tonic, strengthening and up-building, and restore normal action to the kidneys and to a disordered and painful bladder. They act quickly and contain no dangerous or harmful drugs.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Otto Kahn  
On Financial Farm Loans



Every citizen who desires to become capable in business should study banking, and every farmer who wants to see the business of agriculture properly financed should study diligently the financial systems of other industries. All other lines of industry have developed financial facilities adapted to their needs. We have all sorts of financial syndicates authorized by law or custom to deal in a certain line of securities, but in none of these financial channels will farm securities travel without a bonus in the way of an excessive rate of interest or heavy discounts.

The most powerful financial institutions in America are private banks and they are the most important to the financial life of industry. In no line of business does honesty, efficiency and stability make more imperative demands than upon private bankers, whose greatest asset is the confidence of the buying public in his business judgment and integrity. Mr. Otto Kahn of Kahn, Loeb & Company, when asked to state the relation of the private banker to the business of the nation, said in part: "One of the most important functions of the private banker is to be the instrument for providing the money needed for the efficient conduct and development of railroads and other industries. He does this by buying securities in bulk from those needing capital, for which purpose he usually associates himself with a large number of other financial houses, great and small, thus forming what is called a syndicate. Having in this way concluded the buying transaction he offers to the public the securities purchased by means of advertising, circularizing and through the facilities of the retail houses included in the syndicate, many of whom employ traveling salesmen. Of course the banker and the syndicate count on a reasonable profit for their services; on the other hand they run the risk of the securities, which they have definitely bought and paid for at a fixed price, remaining on their hands wholly, or in part, if the public, for one reason or another, should be unwilling to buy them. The selling of securities is a highly specialized trade, requiring much experience, organization, machinery and scrutiny. This is one of the reasons why corporations do better in offering securities to the public through bankers than if they offered them direct. The willingness of the public to buy depends upon their confidence in the integrity and the judgment of the banker who makes the offer, and a banker who attempts to mislead the public, or who is deficient in care or judgment, would very soon find himself without customers and, therefore, out of business. In many European countries, the functions of the private banker include the placing of bonds secured by farm mortgages. Bonds of this nature are issued in large quantities by mortgage banks who buy mortgages on farms and other real estate and deposit them as security for their own bonds, which in turn are sold to bankers. It is to be hoped that similar institutions will in course of time, be created in America, thus placing the farming industry on a par with other important industries in facilities to obtain capital."

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SOUTHBOUND		STATIONS		NORTHBOUND	
Daily Ex.		Eastern Standard Time.		Daily Ex.	
Sunday				Sunday	
First-Class				First-Class	
A. M.	P. M.	Lv.	Ar.	Lv.	Ar.
7 20	5 15	ABINGDON		5 15	7 20
7 20	5 15	WATAUGA		5 15	7 20
7 45	4 45	BARRON		4 45	7 45
8 12	4 20	DAMASCUS		4 20	8 12
8 39	4 02	TAYLOR'S VALLEY		4 02	8 39
8 54	3 48	CREEK JUNCTION	Lv.	3 48	8 54
A. M.	P. M.	Lv.	Ar.	Lv.	Ar.
9 27	3 16	CREEK JUNCTION		3 16	9 27
9 42	3 01	GREEN COVE		3 01	9 42
10 27	2 16	TUCKERDALE		2 16	10 27
11 03	1 40	WEST JEFFERSON		1 40	11 03
11 39	1 10	BOWIE		1 10	11 39
12 05	12 40	ELKLAND	Lv.	12 40	12 05
No. 5	No. 3	KONNAROCK BRANCH		No. 4	No. 6
P. M.	A. M.	Lv.	Ar.	P. M.	A. M.
3 17	8 35	CREEK JUNCTION		3 47	9 26
6 32	9 10	KONNAROCK	Lv.	3 33	9 11

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

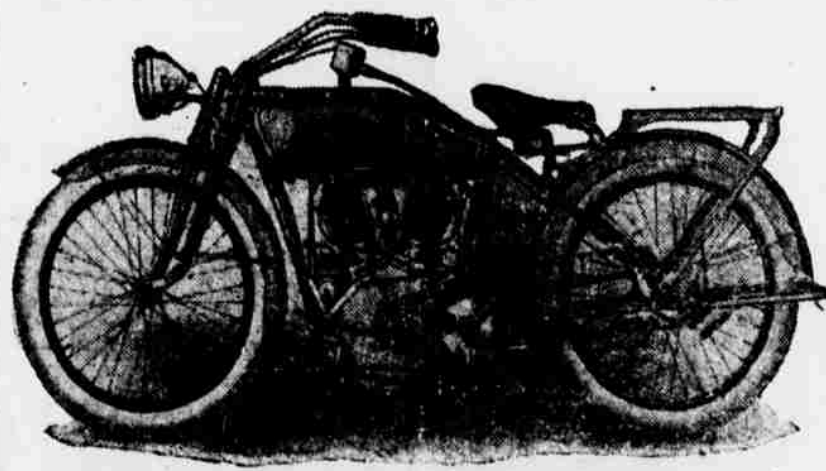
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A woman in Cincinnati says thousands have died from kissing. And tens of thousands have almost died for lack of it.—Tennesseean.

Coughs and Colds are Dangerous.

Few of us realize the danger of coughs and colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous Bronchial and lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle to day. Avoid the risk of serious lung ailments. Druggists.

No man is more easily deceived than he who hopes, for he aids in his own deceit.—Bossuet.

NOTICE.

This is to notify all persons that we have sold our interest in the D. F. Warren & Co's store at Mabel, N. C., to John C. Castle. All debts to be paid by him and all accounts to be paid to him, as we have no further connection with the business. This Nov. 12 1915.

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